Village of Indian Head Park 201 Acacia Drive Indian Head Park, IL 60525

MEETING MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Thursday, July 12, 2012

7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER-MAYOR RICHARD ANDREWS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard Andrews. Village Clerk Joseph Consolo called the roll as follows:

ROLL CALL: JOSEPH CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK

PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Mayor Richard Andrews

Trustee Debbie Anselmo

Trustee Brian T. Bailey

Trustee Anne Bermier

Trustee Carol Coleman

Trustee Norman L. Schnaufer

Trustee Matthew P. Walsh

ALSO PRESENT:

David Brink, Finance/Administrative Services Steve Busa, Treasurer Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk Brian Baugh, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin Ed Santen, Superintendent Public Works Dale Strazzante, Recording Secretary

NOT PRESENT:

Frank Alonzo, Administrator/Police Chief

Mayor Andrews welcomed Brian Baugh, Counsel from Storino, Ramello & Durkin. Richard Ramello was out of town on personal business.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: "I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all".

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2012-11 BEGINNING MAY 1, 2012 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2013.

Mayor Andrews began with the first order of business of the Public Hearing regarding Appropriations Ordinance 2012-11. Mayor Andrews introduced Finance Director Dave Brink and asked him to give the overview of the Appropriations Ordinance. Director Brink thanked the Mayor and began by saying this is the annual document #2012-11that we are required to file with the county when we prepare a budget for financial planning purposes. From that budget, we get figures to apply to the document we need to file, which is the Appropriations Ordinance. These numbers are approximately 25% above what we budget for. The reason is that it authorizes us to spend up to that amount and not over. That doesn't mean we can spend that amount, because we don't have the funds to do so. But if we were to go over, we would need to have another public hearing, another expense for public notice in the newspapers and another public hearing and another meeting to amend it. So, for that reason, we prepare our budget and then use figures above that. Mayor Andrews commented that gives us a cushion on expenses where we spend more than we budget in one area, than we may be spending in another budgeted area. Finance Director Brink presented a section-bysection overview of the Appropriations Ordinance. The Total appropriation for the General Corporate Fund is \$4,340,672.00. The total appropriation for Special Services/S.E.A.S.P.A.R. is \$568,294.00. Accordingly, the grand total for all items in the Village 2012/13 Appropriations Ordinance is \$4,908,966.00.

Director Brink further stated that those numbers are about \$50,000 to \$60,000 less than last year. Mayor Andrews asked Treasurer Steve Busa if he had anything to add. Treasurer Busa replied that the Mayor touched on something that is worth repeating. For example, in any of the funds like office supplies, if the Village spends less money on tools and hardware, but needs to buy more office supplies, the money would be available. So, if the appropriations are higher, it gives the Village the flexibility to go and buy the office supplies instead of repeating the process that Dave mentioned. Mayor Andrews asked if the trustees had any questions or comments. Then Mayor Andrews asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience on the Appropriations Ordinance. Mr. Hinshaw of 6575 Shabbona, commented that he was trying to follow along with what was read and the numbers he got off the website and wasn't sure what he got. From ensuing discussion, it appeared that Mr. Hinshaw was looking at the proposed budget for year 2012/13. Director Brink replied that was the budget and in that same area where he got that information, he would have seen the Appropriations Ordinance in the same section on the website, under Finances.

This is the actual legal document we have to file with the County. If we go over that, we have to publish in the newspaper, have a public hearing, etc. That is the document we follow. Mr. Hinshaw asked do you transfer from the general fund? Mayor Andrews asked if he was referring to the budget. Mr. Hinshaw replied, yes, I guess. Mayor Andrews responded that they will have that discussion later in the meeting, when we discuss the budget. The Mayor asked if there were any more questions.

Mr. Gazis, of 6403 Arrowhead Court, commented that he would like to understand if this is just the expenditure review. Director Brink replied that is correct. The Appropriations Ordinance is a legal document authorizing the Village to spend up to this amount. Mayor Andrews asked if there were any other questions. There were none.

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to close the public hearing to advance to approval of the Appropriations Ordinance 2012-11. Trustee Bailey made a motion, seconded by Trustee Bermier. A vote was taken. Motion was carried by unanimous roll-call vote. 6/0/0

APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2012-11

For the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013 (Ordinance #2012-11)

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to approve the Appropriations Ordinance 2012-11 for fiscal year May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013. Trustee Schnaufer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman. A vote was taken. Motion was passed by unanimous roll-call vote. 6/0/0

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor mentioned that Chief Frank Alonzo is out of town on personal business. As I pointed out, if you go to our full page website, you will find a link to Code Red. I have been informed that you are now capable of adding email and cell phone numbers for Code Red Alert through that link. If you are concerned whether your land line is not in the system, you could enter that as well. You can sign up for various alerts including weather. I would like to point out, if you opt to get weather alerts, you can expect to have your phone ring for severe weather alerts at 3:00 or 4:00 o'clock in the morning. So, be careful with that option.

Mayor Andrews stated that the Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District has given us an update on their activities. They are out checking and they have completed 7 inspection treatment cycles of various sources of mosquitos. They are asking people to be careful about allowing water to collect in tires, swim pools, kid's pools, down spouts and gutters, bird baths and so forth. Interestingly, the dry climate conditions have virtually eliminated the presence of the Aedes vexans mosquito; however, the same climate conditions have been ideal for the development of the disease vector species, which is the one that spreads the West Nile Virus. If residents want more updates, go to the website at www.desplainesvalleymad.com. That will give the information and the phone number to call.

The Fire Protection District for the month of June reported: There were 26 EMF (*Ambulance, rescues, accident calls*) and 5 False alarms (*mainly malfunctions of home alarms*).

Mayor Andrews stated that the Village will be installing the benches in Blackhawk Park. If you walk the pathways, the concrete pad is where the benches will go. The Village engineer is following up for me on where the pads are located. They should be installed shortly. That is part of the park renovation and that is part of our share of the park bond fund.

With respect to the vehicle stickers, the deadline was June 30th. The late fee has applied since July 1st, which was a Sunday. Although, tickets have trickled down, people are still coming. I personally talked to our Administrator Frank Alonzo. Mayor Andrews stated that a few residents were rude and offensive to the Village employees. He further stated that he did not think anybody who doesn't make the policy and is just trying to do their job should be subjected or even tolerate that type of language and abuse. It's only a handful of residents, but it makes it a miserable day to be around Indian Head Park the day after vehicle stickers are overdue or past the deadline. The Village gives sixty (60) days to buy vehicle stickers in case you were unaware or didn't have the opportunity or couldn't take the time to get them. Mayor Andrews did a quick survey this past week and found that some towns only allow thirty (30) days and then it is late. It might be something that the Village may have to visit in the future. He wanted to make it a matter of record that employees should not be subjected to the abusive comments from people. We put it in the Smoke Signals, it's on- line, and there is a sign posted outside the Heritage Center.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Approval of Financial Report for the month ending June 30, 2012

The Mayor stated there is nothing else on the Mayor's Report, so we will move on to the approval of the Financial Report for the month ending June 2012. The Mayor asked Treasurer Busa to give his report. Treasurer Busa responded, tonight I have, as you described, the Financial Report ending June 30, 2012. Treasurer Busa presented the financial report for the month ending June 30, 2012. He noted total revenues were \$186,103.69; Expenditures were \$328,632.36 and fund balances in all accounts at the end of June were \$933,125.75

Mayor Andrews stated that he is sure everyone is aware the real estate tax bills were sent out and should have been received by now. Also, now there will be some small amounts received over the coming months. Probably, by the middle of August or so, the Village will receive almost the entire second installment of their real estate taxes and, (referring back to the discussion we had at the meeting a few months back), that will probably be the high water mark in terms of the fund balances. From that point on, the balances in all the funds will be decreasing again. The next real estate tax will not be until spring. Mayor Andrews thanked Treasurer Busa for his report. I think last time our total of funds balance was just over one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars.

This month, we dropped down because the revenues are not up to what the expenses are and that's cyclical. I expect that around the end of August, it is going to go back up again, because water billing just went out for the second quarter. We are going to have water bills revenue coming in, we are going to have property tax revenue and that will be flush with revenue from the water and property taxes. However, that's not to indicate that we have a lot of money.

Mayor Andrews asked if there were any questions or comments from the board. He asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience.

Mr. Gazis on 6520 Wolf Road asked, how all the funds in all accounts balance compares to last year or the year before at this point. Director Brink replied the last couple of years at this point; we were a little bit more even with cash over all. Now the fund balances can vary. For a June report, \$933,000.00 is high. Treasurer Busa added, I think you are going to see after we start collecting the taxes, a diversion when you compare the prior years. Last year the second installment of the real estate taxes, I believe, were due around December 1st. It has been very late. So if you are doing a comparison, as Director Brink said, it might be a little bit higher now than it was last year. If you are doing a comparison for August, September, October, November, the balance would not really be that accurate in comparison because the numbers we will have in 2012 will be significantly higher than what they were last year.

Mr. Gazis asked last August, September, October and November, did the Village have the funds to operate or was the Village negative? Director Brink replied we have funds to operate; the problem that we are running into is our General Fund is overdrawn. We've been climbing out of that through cost-cutting measures such as not hiring another police officer, not doing big projects and things like that. With that being said, we are still borrowing from the fund. Mayor Andrews added it is a little bit different than it has been in years past. They change the first installment, which used to be 50% of the prior year, now its 55%. So this year, we benefit from that earlier extra cash, which is reflected in the fund balance. The next one is the balance for the last year. The first one is 55%. Last year the tax bills were out really late. In fact, we had in place, if we did not get the money in time, we would have had to go out and get a short term loan to continue to operate the Village; subject to paying back the loan as soon as we got our tax revenue. Dave added several years ago, that it was the regular thing having that loan in place because revenues were coming through so late. Our cash flow, as a whole, was very low. We have not had that problem this year.

There not being any more questions or comments, the Mayor entertained a motion to approve the Financial Report for the month ending June 30, 2012.

Trustee Schnaufer made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Bermier. A vote was taken. Motion was passed by unanimous roll-call vote. 6/0/0

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2012 and June 14, 2012

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes for May 10, 2012 as presented. Trustee Coleman made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Anselmo. Motion was carried by unanimous roll-call vote. 6/0/0

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of June 14, 2012 as presented. Trustee Bermier made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Anselmo. Motion was carried by unanimous roll-call vote. 6/0/0

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FY 2012/2013

Just like the Appropriations Ordinance, the budget funds are from May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013. The numbers were presented last month and we asked people to look them over and provide their input. Dave Brink advised there were a few changes. I'm not sure what the last one showed about the \$2,000.00 surplus, but there is a \$597.00 deficit overall, across all funds now. The new budget, along with all the other descriptions, is up on the website under the Administration tab, under finances. Mayor Andrews commented collectively we are operating the Village within our means. There is a five hundred and ninety seven dollar (\$597.00) deficit, with some assumptions made into these figures in terms of expenses. Treasurer Busa pointed out earlier about purchasing office supplies or tools. Did we buy as much this year or maybe not as much? So, it leaves this question, could we be going into the black or could we be going into the red? If we have a particularly bad winter, we have to purchase a lot of salt, there's a lot of over time for snow plowing and water main breaks. Overall, it's a good job. Mayor Andrews said thanks to everybody involved and the trustees for their input, our staff and employees for doing a good job. The trap that I'm concerned about is that as good a job as we have done, residents can't see what's underground and what's not here is what people don't normally think about. We operate with basically a part time Village Administration/Police Chief. Everybody loves Frank Alonzo. If Frank were to go, we're short two (2) full time executive type salaries. And that's it. So, that should be kept in the back of peoples' minds. There are no street or road programs in here. Doing sections becomes hodgepodge. It solves immediate needs. The people that are immediately adjacent to it are happy. The other people are not happy if their street is not paved. Everyone would be happy if we did the whole street. We also have been short on one (1) full time police officer for four (4) years and currently have no resources to hire the 6th authorized officer.

The infrastructure work that we used to do, we put off. We do what's necessary. Mayor Andrews asked Ed Santen, Superintendent of Public Works, whether the Public Works Department repairs water main breaks. Mr. Santen responded, yes, they repaired them. Mayor Andrews replied, my appreciation to you Ed and the Public Works employees. You are doing more in house, correct? Ed replied, yes. We had a mild winter so we didn't buy a lot of salt last year. Director Brink added that actually we were under contract to buy salt for last year. At the end of April we got 600 tons of salt delivered. This coming year with this budget, we only budgeted 200 tons of salt. If we

had a regular winter last year and we didn't budget 600, this \$597.00 deficit would probably be somewhere around \$20,597.00 under, so we would have to figure where to draw out \$20,000.00 more. Mayor Andrews said that's all the comments I have on the budget. Trustee Schnaufer added that Chief Alonzo is not here, but all the work, effort and time that Dave and Frank put into the budget calculations, thank you!

Mr. Metz asked what we are going to do about the interest payment coming due from the loan next year. Mayor Andrews responded the payment will not be in this year's budget, which is due in December 2013. We've been trying to raise revenue, as you well know. We are looking for other sources and other ways to raise revenue. That is something I wanted to discuss with the people and the trustees. Do we have that money right now in hand to pay? Because if not that means we cut other things out. The debt payment goes up one time next year. Mr. Metz asked, can these debt figures go up every year? Mayor Andrews responded, no, it goes up one time. Roughly \$100,000.00, actually it's a little bit under; about 90 some thousand dollars. It goes up the one time, but it doesn't continue to go up that amount each year. It just goes up the higher level and stays there until it gets paid off in 2022. So we need approximately \$100,000.00 more revenue each year than we currently receive, just to pay the Village debt. Mr. Metz asked, is that something we can refinance again? Mayor Andrews replied, that is something among others that can be done. We could look at refinancing. Mayor Andrews stated that we had two (2) outstanding debt certificates that would have caused this bump up to happen in 2011. So anticipating that and right after the economy went sour, the rates came down and we did refinance. The bump up was put off to 2013 by refinancing. It costs money to do that. If we were to refinance, we could also look at borrowing money and adding to the debt, which is something we have been reluctant to do. By adding to the debt, we would be able to do some other things the residents would like. But this Administration has not increased the debt. The only thing we added on to is the 2009 certificate, money to pave the parking lot, which was a \$70,000 expense. We did borrow \$30,000.00 with that for capping the well, but that money is part of the State Capital Program. That money was reimbursed to us, so, we just did the parking lot. The debt certificates that we financed were from 2001 and 2003. Finance Director Brink added, some of it was for the original bonds for the Public Works building construction. That was a sizable chunk of it. Trustee Coleman wanted to clarify, the parking lot the Mayor is referring to is the Village parking lot and not the Heritage Center. Mayor Andrews said that recently we tried for a real estate tax increase. I probably went overboard in explaining in detail why we needed the money, where we needed it and where it would be spent. It probably confused the issue for people. We had to have three (3) questions on the ballot because of the election law. We asked for \$350,000.00; \$100,000.00 for the debt that would take care of that; \$100,000.00 for the ongoing road program for the Village and \$150,000.00 so we could hire another police officer for police and security related topics and matters at the Village. How do you explain human nature, four or five months after a homicide, people vote "no" and they are actually voting against themselves and their own interests. This money doesn't go to Springfield or to Washington. This is money we would have spent on ourselves. Mayor Andrews said that he went out to Blackhawk Park after it was paved and they were working on the landscaping and lawn. He thought this really looks nice. It rekindled his pride in Indian Head Park. He said having been a long time

resident here, I know it costs money, but if you're proud of your house, you spend money on your house. If you're not proud of your house and you don't care, eventually it turns into a shambles and a shack. But it's up to residents to spend the money on their own town if they want to live in a nice community. This is our town. When you move into a bedroom community, there is no commercial and no industrial to speak of. That is why you moved to this town, because of the ambiance and we all like it that way. That is why we are here. That is why I have been here 30 plus years. It costs money. We cut and we cut. We are short one police officer and we have people in town that avoid paying the \$50.00 for a vehicle sticker and hide cars in their garages. We had an individual, who just within the last 48 hours, stopped by to report about somebody who never buys a vehicle sticker. Mayor Andrews said he asked Chief Alonzo to request that the officers keep an eye out for that. Mayor Andrews noted that if you take the same \$50.00 and put it on a property tax bill, at least you can write that off on your income tax. So, if you had enough money coming in from property tax, which would help save on income tax, maybe we could eliminate other fees in the Village like vehicle stickers. People don't want to see their property taxes go up, because when you start talking percentages and numbers, some people think of the whole bottom line. About 9 percent of our tax bill goes to the Village. This is for Administration, Police, Public Works and Water. The rest goes mostly to the schools. A little more than 9% goes to the Fire Protection District. When the Village tries to raise some money, people are against it. There is so much the Village could do if we get together. We are not going to balance the budget or pay \$100,000.00 on the back of the employees and the pay raises. We can't do that.

Mayor Andrews said that we have an opportunity at the November election, which will be a huge turnout. If there is support of the Village Board of Trustees, he would put a property tax question on the referendum on the November ballot. He said he was not looking for a final vote today, but the reason to talk about it today is to do this so everyone is on the same page. We have to make a final decision at the August board meeting, because the filing requirement is such that we have to pass it by August 20th to get it on the ballot. It has to be filed by the end of the month so that we vote on it in November. If we vote on it in November and it carries, we can levy it for this year and money would come in next year. This means we could have a road program next summer. Mayor Andrews said he is not asking for the same amount of money as last time. Mayor Andrews said quite frankly, I'm not sure how I would vote after seeing my second installment of my tax bill. As a resident, I'm upset about it, too. I would like to have a choice where to put my money. I would certainly put it in my home town. I would like it to continue to be a nice place where people will continue to want to move here. I would like to do things that need to be done. I think the message was clear. People think the \$350,000.00 revenue we asked for in March was unacceptable and we accept that and move on. I want to discuss it this time. It is going to be the people's decision if we put the revenue referendum on the ballot. We do have to pay a debt and we would like to do the streets among other things.

So, the debt is there unless we refinance. To pay it next year, we need to come up with approximately \$100,000.00 and \$100,000.00 could be issued for a road program and

other Village enhancements. Mayor Andrews explained how he would work a road program with sufficient funding. Mayor Andrews asked the Trustees for input. Do we owe it to the residents to give them another chance to say, I want to live in a nice community and don't mind spending a little bit of money to live here. Or do we just say they're not going to pass it and forget about it. Trustee Bermier commented that the key is to educate the public. Some people didn't vote. They didn't even realize there were questions about property taxes. They get this apathy and don't read. Trustee Coleman added that she talked to the Mayor a lot about it. We can't force people to read. This stuff is on the website. Tonight, I feel we should give the voters a chance to express their opinions again. Otherwise, people ask why we aren't doing the streets. Mayor Andrews remarked, interestingly, there is a resident that corresponded a couple of times asking what is the Village doing to provide police protection in this town. Although, I had Chief Alonzo respond to the resident, I would like to say we are trying to raise money so we can hire a policeman. The residents don't want to pay for it. We are trying to do what we can with what we have. A resident asked about the bond that was issued back in the 1990's, and whether it was no longer on the tax bill. Mayor Andrews responded that street bond was from 1997. The resident asked if this will be the first tax bill where it didn't exist. Mayor Andrews answered, yes that is correct. The resident asked about the new bond. Mayor Andrews responded, it was just paid off in December so it will be reflected on the levy for this year. We will see the results next summer.

After some discussion regarding the referendum, Mayor Andrews stated we can do one question under the Corporate Funds for streets and county tax cap. Norm commented he would like to see the Village try this again. Mayor Andrews said we are not going to do anything tonight, it is not an agenda item for discussion, and I'm not going to ask for any motions to vote on it. We can talk about something without voting on it. I will talk with Counsel and ask them to draft an ordinance for us to use to raise revenue. We're not going to do anything final tonight, but \$200,000.00 would be the number. Mayor Andrews said he will take this up in August and we will make that an agenda item.

Mr. Gazis commented that education of the residents is in need. The difficult part is we rely on others to educate. Mayor Andrews agreed we need the residents' support to help the Village Board of Trustees serve the Village raising some revenues. Mayor Andrews stated if we decide to do this, we need the help of the residents, like Mr. Gazis.

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to approve the Budget for fiscal year 2012/2013 as presented. Trustee Schnaufer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman. A vote was taken. Motion was carried by unanimous roll-call vote. 6/0/0

2. REGULATION OF GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

Mayor Andrews said I want to talk about regulation of garage sales tonight. There is no ordinance that we are contemplating. I just want to have a discussion. This goes back to the awareness meeting after the homicide last fall. A gentleman mentioned to me that we ought to eliminate garage sales. At that time people wanted bicycle patrols to pass their houses every hour, and they commented on carrying concealed weapons. There were comments that garage sales are a magnet for crime and people come to town and check

out the neighborhoods. No disrespect to any of those people because that is stereotyping, and I don't want to do that, but the potential is there. Also, there is a potential if you hire a landscaper, contractor or any service. They could check out a house or a neighborhood. There are other towns around us with some regulation of garage/estate sales. Some people like to run a mini business and have one every week. Others want it twice a year. For public safety, we can regulate them by requiring a permit. I'm not advocating a fee for a permit. This is not to raise revenue and we're not going to get rich from garage/estate sales. The Mayor said that he envisioned that residents give us the name, address, contact person, phone number, date and time. Let the police know and then we issue the permit at no charge. This way the police are aware that this is going on in the Village. There was an estate sale on Wolf Road that had the police concerned about the safety of people crossing the street and cars were parked on the shoulders. Trustee Bermier commented that to have Police know the name, date, address and phone number is fine, but she would be opposed to a fee and limiting a resident to one or two a year. Trustee Bailey added, I disagree a little bit. I have never had a garage sale but my neighbors have and I have no problem with that. It seems to me there are certain people in town that have them every other week and we probably know which ones they are. They are more like front lawn sales. Stuff is strewn all over the front lawn every other week. I don't think we should allow anyone to run a separate business by having a sale every other week. We should have some kind of restriction on this and I don't have a problem with that. Trustee Coleman stated that she did not know if it's a security problem or not, but she would like to see some sort of regulation. If you're running a business, then you get a permit for a business. But, that's not what it's supposed to be about. Two garage sales a year is reasonable. Trustee Walsh added that if we were thinking of going that way, two garage sales a year, two days each would be acceptable. Trustee Coleman said that the hours should be looked at, also. Trustee Bermier thought 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Trustee Coleman agreed. Trustee Walsh stated that he would support at least three a year. Trustee Bermier agreed. Mayor Andrews stated, I think some people would think different if we had this discussion last December. Trustee Anselmo said she did not think the homicide had anything to do with it. From her perspective, the burglaries did not take place as a result of people coming to a garage sale. Mr. Gazis suggested that if you did put a fee on it, you would eliminate them all together because you only make enough to buy coffee and donuts. Trustee Walsh commented, that he is not proposing we put a fee on it. Trustee Coleman stated that regarding the estate sale on Wolf Road, when the Village people were parked on the side street, if the Police had known about the estate sale, they would have posted "No Parking" signs. Eileen Henkel, of 14 Algonquin Road mentioned that Willowbrook is going to have a community sale and they will be setting up tables in the park. They are charging \$15.00 for the table, she thought, and so it will be regulated. You have to bring your own things at 7:00 a.m. and the sale starts at 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The village is actually in control of the whole thing. Like us, they have condos where you can't have garage sales. That would give the people an opportunity to participate, but regulated and it's in an open area.

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to table this for further discussion and consideration of the Regulation of Garage and Estate Sales to another time to be

determined. Trustee Walsh made a motion, seconded by Trustee Bermier. A vote was taken. Motion was carried by unanimous roll-call vote. 6/0/0

3. ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION AUTHORITY FOR IHP

Mayor Andrews informed the trustees there is a packet of information from one of our residents in Acacia, along with some information about Countryside's questions. He assumed that everyone here is familiar with the concept of Electrical Aggregation. The idea would be that the Village, if we could get the authority from the constituency, to aggregate all our area customers' accounts and then go out to bid and see whom could be the lowest bidder on providing electrical power. Then we would sign a contract with that supplier. We will still keep Com Ed. They will still be the distributor and do billing. They are the ones we will call, not the Village, if the power goes out. The intent is to save money over what we get from Com Ed. There is more to it than that. I would start with a public hearing. You have to draft in specifications for a bid. You have to draft it as to what are the opt out procedures, the opt in procedures for people who may have already chosen a certain party supplier outside of Com Ed, and what is the cancellation policy. There are a lot of questions we are not in a position to answer tonight, but would after we do the research. As to the authority to do the aggregation in the first place, that starts with putting a referendum on the ballot. There are a lot of details that have to be worked out. The concept is that we can't get into any of that and it is a waste of time to do if you don't get the authority to do the aggregation. The intent of the agenda item tonight is to think about it and get some input from the audience. The deadline to file for referendum questions is August 20th. This not being an agenda item, Mayor Andrews said he is asking for a motion to direct Counsel to prepare an Aggregation Ordinance, so that it can be presented to the voters in November.

Trustee Coleman mentioned that the Tribune wrote about 10 towns and one of them was Palatine. Trustee Bermier added that Arlington Heights, Palatine, Buffalo Grove, etc. were able to get the vote from the residents and with the new energy company contract, they cut a deal that coming in May, in the contract it said, "if Com Ed reduces their rate lower than the new energy service, the new company has agreed to reduce its price or nullify the contract. So, they are covered.

Trustee Coleman asked what the WCMC is doing. My husband and I went with another energy company other than Com Ed and we can cancel at any time. We are under no obligation to stay. We can call today and say, we're out. For an individual to opt out is not a problem.

Trustee Walsh added, I agree and said we should educate the people to why it's there. I think it gives us many options to save money and I don't see the down side at all.

Trustee Bermier said that in these other communities, the rate with Com Ed is something like 8 cents per kilowatt hour, and with the new company it is 4 cents per kilowatt hour.

Trustee Bailey commented that he thought the upside is much greater than any downside.

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to ask Counsel to prepare an Aggregation Ordinance to be put on the November ballot. Trustee Coleman made the motion, seconded by Trustee Walsh.

A vote was taken. Motion was carried by unanimous roll-call vote. 6/0/0

4. FAMILY FUN EVENT/BLACKHAWK PARK/HERITAGE CENTER

The Mayor pointed out that the last Village event we had was in 2009 for the 50th Anniversary party. I think a lot of people had a good time. Several months after that and since then, some people said lets do another one. We haven't had one because we haven't been able to afford it. When you are \$500.00 in the hole, how do you spend a couple of thousand on a party? On the other hand, something like a 50th Anniversary, or a park renovation, such as Blackhawk Park, doesn't come along every year. One matter from my first term as Mayor was to get the Heritage Center to look like a nice house that belongs here at the Village. Mayor Andrews said that he understands that the Heritage Center is contemplating an open house/book sale this fall from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Usually in October. He said he was thinking of having a Family Fun Day on a Saturday afternoon like a book sale/open house until 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. and then a picnic in the park. People can bring their own food. We will not be giving away hot dogs and beef sandwiches like last time. Businesses in town have consistently contributed water, soda pop, ice cream to the Village. So he suggested perhaps we can get some entertainment like the West Suburban Concert Band or Trustee Bermier's neighbor whom plays the guitar. He said we can set up the tent and have a couple of moonwalks for the kids. The Women's Club, if they want, can have a bake sale. The Village could purchase chips and pretzels at Sam's Club, other than what is donated. We could do this at the end of September on the 22nd or 29th

Trustee Coleman mentioned that it starts getting dark earlier and we should keep it close to September. Trustee Bermier suggested we hire the West Suburban Concert Band for a future event. Trustee Coleman replied that the cost was \$550.00 for that. Trustee Bailey added maybe we could have an Indian Head Park Has Talent contest. No big prize. It might generate some excitement. Eileen Henkel asked the Mayor if she has permission to put an email out to get the opinions of all her fellow docents. The Mayor responded, you can, but I am not anticipating setting anything in stone at this meeting, but at the August meeting. That gives us a little over a month to actually put it into play. I don't think we need to do a vote for that. We'll continue this discussion at the August meeting with the idea of finalizing this. I will be happy with your input at that time.

Mayor Andrews opened the floor to questions or comments from the residents. Mr. Metz mentioned there was an article in the Tribune a few Sundays ago regarding some taxing data that showed Indian Head Park had 80% pension funding. He said that he recalls about a year and a half ago, asking if our pension was funded at 100%. Mayor Andrews responded that was his understanding at the time. But he did not know where the Tribune got their information, other than they may be looking at the whole fund. If you looked for our listing in that paper, it wasn't where you would have expected it to be. Mayor Andrews was concerned that the information may not be correct. Mayor Andrews stated that the Village contribution to that fund is 100% paid. Trustee Coleman pointed

out that even the county makes mistakes, such as recently when they failed to give homeowners exemptions to some whom were entitled to it. Trustee Bermier mentioned, as a resident of Indian Head Park, my concern is 65th Street. It's in worse condition than when I talked about it at the last board meeting. The pot holes are bigger and deeper and that's not our responsibility. Mayor Andrews added, right after we put the new sidewalk in on Willow Springs Road and it was all landscaped, Com Ed decided to install a new telephone pole. Trustee Bermier said they marked the sidewalks with arrows and all kinds of marks. Trustee Coleman suggested we take pictures. They're supposed to put everything back the way it was. Trustee Bermier asked if they are going to do more digging. Superintendent Santen said they dug it up once. It looks like they are going to do it again. We've been out there and they know we're on top of it. Mayor Andrews asked Mr. Santen to take pictures tomorrow.

Trustee Coleman mentioned that we should take pictures. We've had problems at Wilshire, so now we take pictures. Mayor Andrews stated that he had talked to our government liaison with Com Ed and she will go out and take a look at it. She just stopped in Tuesday and he talked to her and complained about it. She is aware of our complaint, and she will write a landscape ticket to make sure they fix it when they are all done.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Andrews entertained a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Trustee Walsh made a motioned, seconded by Trustee Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion was carried by unanimous voice vote. 6/0/0

Respectfully submitted by

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